GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RENEWAL OF TRACKS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether several thousand kilometres of Railway tracks are very old and requires replacement to improve the smooth running of trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to replace the old railway tracks ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As on 1-4-2000, 11928 km on Broad Gauge and 4699 km on Meter/Narrow Gauge was identified as due replacement.

(c) Allocation of funds for replacement and rehabilitation of railway tracks has been increased during the current year to Rs. 2600 cr. from Rs. 2042.17 cr. in 1999-2000 and Rs.1802.57 cr. in 1998- 99. However, with Rs. 25000 cr. required in next five years to wipe out the arrears, this objective may not be achieved on account of constraint of funds.